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Ms. Joyce K. Frank  
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Frank:

Enclosed please find correspondence I received from several of my constituents requesting my assistance. Because of the nature of the inquiry, it is being referred to you for your consideration.

Please forward your response to Karin Davenport of my staff at my Washington Office. Feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Buyer".

Steve Buyer  
Member of Congress

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Message:

Coal combustion waste (also known as coal ash) is the second largest industrial waste stream in the country. Coal ash contains arsenic, lead, mercury, and other heavy metals and is highly toxic, especially when it comes into contact with water, yet there are no specific federal regulations governing its disposal. When stored improperly, coal ash has been known to increase risks of cancer and other diseases, posing a serious threat to public health and the environment, as the catastrophic failure of a Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) surface impoundment in Kingston, Tennessee last December illustrated. EPA's recent commitment to fill this decades-old gap under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) by year's end is a giant step forward. However, the way in which the EPA chooses to regulate the waste will determine whether communities are sufficiently protected, or whether the status quo patchwork of state rules and inconsistent standards will remain.

I am ONE of the thousands of people, WHO JUST GOT DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER & IT WAS RULED AS 'ENVIRONMENTAL', that will happen this year alone. STOP PROMOTING ALL FORMS OF POLLUTION, PROMOTE CLEAN ENERGY! Please sign onto the letter being circulated by Congressman Lewis regarding coal combustion wastes. Our nation needs strong environmental leaders to help ensure that EPA moves forward with federally enforceable minimum standards for coal ash waste and disposal. The industry wants to keep dumping their wastes without taking necessary and sufficient measures to protect public health and the environment, and your signature will help demonstrate Congressional support for strong regulations that will protect ALL citizens. Thank you for standing up for public health and the environment.

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